

HOUSE BILL 540  
By Doss

SENATE BILL 1159

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
39-15-401, relative to the offense of child abuse  
and child neglect or endangerment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401, is amended by deleting  
subdivision (c)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) A parent or custodian of a child ten (10) years of age or less commits child  
endangerment who knowingly exposes such child to or knowingly fails to protect such  
child from abuse or neglect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.